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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please add the following new claims:

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- 52. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 1 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
  - 53. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 52 in a delivery vehicle.
  - 54. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 53, wherein the delivery vehicle is a liposome.
  - 55. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 52 in a unit dosage form.
  - 56. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 52, wherein the polypeptide is further formulated into a tablet or capsule.
  - 57. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 52, in the form of a suspension, a dispersion, an emulsion, an elixir, or a solution.

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